

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The claims are not amended herein, and read as follows:

11. (Withdrawn) The tool of claim 9, wherein the inner surface is formed by at least one bar attached to the plate adjacent the inner edge, the at least one bar having a curved outer surface.

12. (Withdrawn) The tool of claim 9, wherein the inner surface is formed by curling the inner edge.

13. (Previously presented) An electrician's tool for wiring a building using common routing components, the tool comprising:

a plate structured for attachment to routing components;

the plate having an aperture formed therein, the aperture defining an inner edge of the aperture; and

two or more rollers rotatably positioned adjacent the inner edge for precluding contact of a wire passing through the aperture with any portion of the inner edge of the aperture.

14. (Previously presented) The tool of claim 13, wherein the aperture is rectangular shaped defined by the inner edge having four sides, and wherein at least four rollers are rotatably positioned adjacent the inner edge, with at least one roller for each side of the inner edge, for precluding contact of the wire with any of the four sides of the inner edge of the aperture.

15. (Original) The tool of claim 14, wherein the rollers include ends, the ends of the rollers being positioned proximate each other to form a substantially continuous surface for safely sliding wire across the rollers and through the aperture.

16. (Original) The tool of claim 13, wherein the at least one roller has a diameter greater than a thickness of the plate.

17. (Original) The tool of claim 16, wherein the at least one roller is positioned to extend both above and below a plane defined by the plate, such that wire may be passed through the aperture from either direction.

18. (Withdrawn) An electrician's tool for wiring a building using common routing components, the tool comprising:
a plate structured for attachment to routing components;
the plate having an aperture formed therein, the aperture defined by an inner edge;
and

the inner edge providing a curved surface for safely sliding wire past the inner edge.

19. (Withdrawn) The tool of claim 18, wherein the curved surface includes a substance having a low co-efficient of friction.

20. (Withdrawn) The tool of claim 18, wherein the curved surface has a radius greater than a thickness of the plate.

21. (Withdrawn) The tool of claim 18, wherein the curved surface extends both above and below a plane defined by the plate.

22. (Withdrawn) The tool of claim 18, wherein at least one bar is attached to the inner edge, the at least one bar having a curved outer surface defining the curved surface for safely sliding wire past the inner edge.

23. (Withdrawn) The tool of claim 18, wherein the curved surface is formed by curling the inner edge.

24. (Previously presented) The tool of claim 13, wherein at least two of the two or more rollers are oriented substantially perpendicular to one another.

25. (Previously presented) The tool of claim 13, wherein the aperture defines orthogonally intersecting longitudinal and lateral axes thereof, and the rollers are positioned to simultaneously preclude contact between any portion of the inner edge and one or more wires passing through the aperture in either direction along either of the longitudinal and lateral axes.

26. (Previously presented) The tool of claim 25, wherein the rollers are rotatable about roller axes, at least one of which is oriented parallel to either the longitudinal or the lateral axis of the aperture.

27. (Previously presented) The tool of claim 26, wherein the roller axis of each of the rollers is oriented parallel to either the longitudinal or the lateral axis of the aperture.

28. (Previously presented) The tool of claim 13, wherein the aperture is rectangular.

29. (Previously presented) The tool of claim 13, wherein the plate is generally square and includes mounting holes spaced to correspond to standard mounting holes in routing components.

30. (Previously presented) The tool of claim 29, wherein the mounting holes include slots positioned adjacent the four corners.

31. (Previously presented) The tool of claim 30, wherein at least one of the slots is angled relative to an outer edge of the plate.